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ANNOUNCING THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE - 1968

Plans have been completed for the 1968 Annual Conference to be held at the Richards Street Methodist Church, Joliet, Illinois, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 16, 17, and 18. The Rev. Paul Higgins, SFF's first President, will serve as host Pastor. For the first time in it's history, SFF will hold a simultaneous conference for high school and college students. They will meet separate from adults except for the night and meal sessions. Both students and adults will attend the opening Conference session on Thursday night but social hours to follow will be separate. Dr. Edward Bauman, SFF Council member and Pastor of Foundry Methodist Church, will give the keynote address.

Friday, May 17, will be a great day for ministers as well as laymen. A special breakfast for ministers only will feature Dr. Bauman discussing "Psychic Phenomena: The Minister's Dilemma" at 7:00 A.M. at the Holiday Inn. That afternoon pastors will hear Canon John Pearce-Higgins from England, lecture on "The Implications of Parapsychology for Pastoral Counseling." Laymen will have the advantage of two different discussion groups. Friday and Saturday morning sessions will be "The Bible Speaks."

Friday afternoon groups, "How We Do It ---" suggestions, will be a stimulating help to laymen and group leaders.

The Fellowship Dinner will be held in the church's dining room as will the Saturday noon Luncheon. Friday night's dinner speaker will be one of SFF's two vice-presidents, the Rev. C. Leslie Palmer, San Diego, California, and Saturday's luncheon will find the Rev. Arthur Ford giving the closing address. Dr. Allen Spraggett, Religion News Editor for the Toronto Star, who supervised the TV presentation of the Pike-Ford sitting, will be the other principal speaker.

High school and college students will have a stimulating conference all their own. Directed by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hayes (Pat and Bud), of Miami, Florida, they will have experimental ESP sessions and hear the celebrated conference speakers, Canon Pearce-Higgins and Dr. Allen Spraggett. Moreover, they will hear Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Joan Kimmel from Manchester College, North Manchester, Indiana, and Dr. Richard Batzler, Chaplain of Defiance, Ohio college. Details are inside.

ANNOUNCEMENT The Executive Committee has authorized Dr. M. Edmund Speare to contact non-members who wish to contribute to the Arthur Ford Lecture-ship Fund. Proceeds from this fund would be used only to help underwrite an Annual Lectureship.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION BLANKS are enclosed. Meal reservations must be made ahead of time for both youth and adults. The deadline is May 8. None will be acknowledged but may be picked up at the church after 4 P.M., Thursday, May 16.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM FOR ADULTSTHURSDAY, May 16, 1968

4:00 P.M. Register, Upstairs
 7:30 P.M. Worship, Sanctuary
 8:00 P.M. Dr. Edward Bauman: "The Paranormal: Biblical Imperatives for Modern Man"
 9:00 P.M. Social Hour, Dining Room

FRIDAY, May 17, 1968

7:00 A.M. Minister's Breakfast; Holiday Inn: Dr. Edward Bauman: "Psychic Phenomena: The Minister's Dilemma"
 9:00 A.M. Worship
 9:10 A.M. The President's Address
 9:45 A.M. Song
 9:50 A.M. Address: Dr. Allen Spraggett
 10:20 A.M. Break for Groups
 10:30 A.M. Quest Groups, "The Bible and the Paranormal"
 11:45 A.M. Break for Lunch
 1:30 P.M. Worship and Address: "Haunted Houses and Haunted Minds" by Canon John Pearce-Higgins
 2:20 P.M. Break for Groups:
 1) "How We Do It ---", for Laymen and Laywomen
 a) In England", Canon John Pearce-Higgins;
 b) In Joliet", the Reverend Paul Higgins;
 c) In Miami", Mrs. Pat Hayes
 2) Ministers Only:
 a) "The Things I Hear" by J. B. Fitch;
 b) "The Implications of Parapsychology for Pastoral Counseling" by Canon John Pearce-Higgins
 4:00 P.M. Break for Dinner
 5:30 P.M. Fellowship Dinner; Speaker: The Reverend C. Leslie Palmer, San Diego, California
 8:00 P.M. Panel Discussion; Topic: "Does the Bible Really Prohibit These Things?", the Reverend Arthur Ford, Dr. Allen Spraggett, Canon John Pearce-Higgins

SATURDAY, May 18, 1968

9:00 A.M. Worship
 9:10 A.M. Conference Annual Business Session
 10:00 A.M. Address: Canon John Pearce-Higgins
 10:40 A.M. Break for Groups
 10:45 A.M. Groups as on Friday
 11:50 A.M. Break for Lunch
 12:15 P.M. Annual Luncheon; Speaker: the Reverend Arthur Ford

Please refer to page four for lodging accommodations. Do not send them to the National Office, but directly to the motel or firm and ask for confirmation.

Send Registrations and Meal Reservations on the enclosure, to the National Office with appropriate remittance as directed on the enclosure.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM FOR YOUTH

THURSDAY, May 16, 1968

- 4:00 P.M. Register, Downstairs
 7:30 P.M. Worship, Sanctuary
 8:00 P.M. Dr. Edward Bauman: "The Paranormal: Biblical Imperatives for Modern Man"
 9:00 P.M. Social Hour, Youth Room

FRIDAY, May 17, 1968

- 9:00 A.M. Worship
 9:10 A.M. Address: "Teens and the World of E.S.P.", Pat Hayes
 9:35 A.M. Coke Break
 9:50 A.M. Address: Canon John Pearce-Higgins
 10:20 A.M. Break for Experimental Groups
 10:30 A.M. Experimental Groups
 11:45 A.M. Break for Lunch
 1:30 P.M. Address: Dr. L. Richard Batzler, "E.S.P. and the Bible"
 2:10 P.M. Experimental Groups
 3:00 P.M. Coke Break
 3:15 P.M. Motion Picture
 5:15 P.M. Break for Dinner
 5:30 P.M. Fellowship Dinner; Speaker: The Reverend C. Leslie Palmer
 8:00 P.M. Panel Discussion; Topic: "Does the Bible Really Prohibit These Things?", the Reverend Arthur Ford, Dr. Allen Spraggett, Canon John Pearce-Higgins

SATURDAY, May 18, 1968

- 9:00 A.M. Songfest
 9:30 A.M. "The Importance of Starting Youth in E.S.P. Groups", Bud Hayes
 9:45 A.M. Address: Dr. Allen Spraggett
 10:15 A.M. Coke Break
 10:30 A.M. Address: "Developing E.S.P. Through Meditation", Jo Kimmel
 11:00 A.M. Break for Group Experiments in Meditation
 11:50 A.M. Break for Lunch
 12:15 P.M. Annual Luncheon; Speaker: the Reverend Arthur Ford

CONTINENTAL AIR TRANSPORT CO., SCHEDULE JOLIET TO O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

TO O'HARE

LEAVE HOLIDAY INN Rts. 66 & 52	LEAVE HOWARD JOHNSON Rts. 66 & 52	LEAVE Joliet Travel & Tours Inc. 20 E. Clinton	ARRIVE O'HARE AIRPORT
7:30 A.M.	7:33 A.M.	7:45 A.M.	8:45 A.M.
11:00 A.M.	11:03 A.M.	11:15 A.M.	12:15 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	3:33 P.M.	3:45 P.M.	4:45 P.M.
9:45 P.M.	9:48 P.M.	10:00 P.M.	11:00 P.M.

FROM O'HARE

LEAVE O'HARE AIRPORT	ARRIVE Joliet Travel & Tours Inc. 20 E. Clinton	ARRIVE HOWARD JOHNSON Rts. 66 & 52	ARRIVE HOLIDAY INN Rts. 66 & 52
9:45 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:57 A.M.	11:00 A.M.
2:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:12 P.M.	3:15 P.M.
8:30 P.M.	9:30 P.M.	9:42 P.M.	9:45 P.M.

ONE-WAY FARE—\$5.00

NEWS NOTES

Anna Hurt, wife of Henry H. Hurt, newly appointed Baltimore area Chairman, died suddenly of a heart attack, Sunday, Jan. 21... Audrey Callaway, Muncie, Ind., is donating two months service to the SFF National Office. Her principal task is to process the volumes comprising the Gertrude Tubby collection of the James Hyslop Memorial Library so that they will be available to our members as soon as possible. Much preliminary work has already been done by the Rev. Wm. Rauscher with the aid of members of his parish... Michele de Baeza is now employed in the Home Office Library... SFF membership passed the 3,000 mark, March 1... Canon John Pearce-Higgins is to appear at nine area chapters prior to the Annual Conference. They include N.Y.C., May 2; E. Mass., May 3; Harrisburg, Pa., May 4; So. Jersey (Woodbury), May 5; Baltimore, May 6; Washington, D.C., May 7; Canton, Ohio, May 9; Muncie, Ind., May 10; St. Louis, Mo., May 11, 12.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED

In order to pay the Editor of Gate Way, a second person to assist in training group leaders, and to supplement the annual budget to raise additional funds needed to operate the Home Office (to buy larger quantities of books, printing materials, etc.), the Executive Committee authorized President Rauscher to appoint a special committee. The amount needed (over and above regular support) is \$6,000 for one year. Persons appointed include Melvin Sutley, Arthur Ford, Rod Randall, Paul Higgins, Ernest Frederick, James Kinnear, Ambrose and Olga Worrall. This is necessary as a part of our expansion effort if we are to meet the changing requirements which challenge us. All such gifts, needed immediately to plan the next years work, should be clearly designated 'Over and Above' and mailed to the Home Office.

RESERVATIONS (Make directly to the lodging of your choice)

MOTELS IN AND NEAR JOLIET

Holiday Inn, Joliet
Single \$10, Double \$14

Howard Johnson Motor Lodge
Single \$11 to \$12, Dbl. \$15 to \$16

Manor Motel Route 6 - 7 miles SW of Joliet at the intersection of Routes Interstate 55 - 66 and 6.
Mailing address: Route 3
Joliet, Ill.

Motel Rossi Routes 66 & 52, Joliet

Joliet Inn 1622 Plainfield Rd., Joliet. Only 5 minutes from downtown Joliet - Turn off 66 to U.S. 30 to Joliet

Sleepy Hollow Motel Highways U.S. 66 & 30, 5 miles NW of Joliet & 2 miles SE of Plainfield.
Mailing address: Joliet

Fenton's Motel 2303 W. Jefferson St. Joliet, Ill.
Phone: 725-4110

PASSENGER TRAINS stopping at Joliet are: Rock Island, Sante Fe, G.M. & O.

GREYHOUND buses serve Joliet.

LIBRARY USERS NOTICE

The Post Office has just notified us that tape recordings may no longer be a part of our Library Loan Service at library rates. We are therefore compelled to suspend this service temporarily. As soon as the Executive Committee reviews the matter, we will issue a new statement of policy.

AREA NEWS and other items of interest to SFF members crowded out of this Newsletter for lack of space, will appear in April and May issues of Gate Way.